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SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT CAPABILITIES FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

VISIT

**REF: STATE 164715** 

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION THUS FAR ACCUMULATED REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT CAPABILITIES FOR PENDING SECRETARY OF STATE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA.

## 2. TELETYPE:

A. TAIF - ALTHOUGH ORAL ASSURANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEX IN JIDDA ON AVAILABILITY FOUR PAIRS BETWEEN TAIF AND JIDDA EARTH STATION, EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY ASCERTAINING PTT CAPABILITIES IN TAIF. WILL ADVISE. SMALL USMTM (U.S. MILITARY) INSTALLATION DOES NOT POSSESS TELETYPE FACILITY. EMBASSY GSO ADVISES AVAILABILITY 4.5 KVA GENERATORS WITH WHICH TO POWER EQUIPMENT IF FEASIBLE. B. JIDDA - PTT EXPRESSES BELIEF SOME DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN EXTENDING COMMERCIAL SIGNAL TO EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, BUT POST BELIEVES THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.

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BETWEEN ITT WORLD COMMUNICATIONS AND LOCAL PTT.

### 3. TELEPHONE:

A. TAIF - AS WITH TELETYPE, INFORMATION ON LOCAL TELEPHONE CAPABILITIES AS YET UNAVAILABLE. WILL ADVISE.
B. JIDDA - EMBASSY BELIEVES WORKABLE TELEPHONE CONFIGURATION CAN BE OBTAINED.

4. POUCHES: REQUIRE FULL INFORMATION ON POUCH SHIPMENTS (CAN-DO, ETC.) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.

#### 5. FACILITIES:

A. TAIF - USMTM (MILITARY INSTALLATION) READY TO PROVIDE SPACE WITH TELEPHONE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. AREA IS UNPROTECTED. ALSO CAN BILLET AND BOARD SEVEN PEOPLE IF NOT CALLED ON TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR ANY OTHER CONTINGENCY. CITY REPORTEDLY HAS ONLY POOR HOTELS. POWER IS FLUCTUATING 220V 50HZ.

B. JIDDA - POWER IS GOOD 120V 60HZ.

### 6. PERSONNEL:

A. TAIF - SUGGEST TDY SUPPORT OF ONE CRO AND AT LEAST THREE SCO'S ALONG WITH TECHNICAL CONTINGENCY FOR TAIF. ASSUMING ONE TDY SUPPLIED BY EMBASSY, REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCO FOR JIDDA DUE CRO ABSENCE FOR LEAVE.

 ${\bf B}.$  JIDDA - SUGGEST TDY SUPPORT OF THREE SCO'S AND TECHNICAL CONTINGENCY.

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